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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has offered Rs.15000 crore for a technical education project to upgrade the state run-engineering colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that only the States like Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Haryana have been selected under this World Bank offer; and

(d) if so, the reasons for ignoring other States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (d): The Government has negotiated in September, 2002 with International Development Association (IDA) the first phase of `Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme of Government of India` for improving quality of technical education in the country. The World Bank Assistance (IDA credit) would be approximately Rs.1250 crore.

For the first cycle of the first phase, six States namely, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh have been selected to participate in the Programme based on their budgetary commitment and preparedness. The other States which are willing to participate in the Programme can join in subsequent cycles based on their preparedness and budgetary commitments.